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Hyder Ali Road works stalled

Activists demand accountability for 40 axed trees; seek proof of compensatory sapling plantation

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BS)- High drama was witnessed on Hyder Ali Road at Nazarbad this morning as environmentalists forced the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to halt road-widening work, demanding proof of compensatory sapling plantation for the 40 fully grown trees felled in April.

Activists of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) led by their Founder-President Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy, Rajya Parisara Kriya Samiti State President & former MLA A.T. Ramaswamy, Mysuru District Parisara Samiti President Parashurame Gowda and others, staged a flash protest by wearing green caps.

While Samiti leaders demanded that the works be resumed only after the proof of alternative plantation is provided, MGP insisted on restoring the green cover on Hyder Ali Road. The protesters took MCC Zone-7 Development Officer R.J. Rajeevnath to task as the latter defended the works taken up towards the purpose of smooth traffic.

(See HYDER ALI ROAD on page 7)

First Ashada Friday tomorrow

Vehicle ban to Chamundi Hill

from 10 pm tonight to Sunday 11 pm

Workers erecting barricades at Lalitha Mahal Palace Grounds in city this morning.

Mysuru, June 26 (KS)- With the Ashada Friday *puja* beginning tomorrow (June 27), the City Police have issued traffic and safety guidelines for devotees visiting Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill on the following dates: June 27, 28, 29; July 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13; July 17 (Sri Chamundeshwari Vardhanti), July 18, 19 and 20.

According to a press release from the Public Relations Officer, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru, the following measures will be in place to ensure smooth traffic flow and public safety: Movement of all types of vehicles to Chamundi Hill is banned from 10 pm on Thursdays to 11 pm on Sundays during the Ashada month.

Devotees must park their vehicles in the designated parking lot in front of Lalitha Mahal Palace and use the KSRTC buses arranged by the District Administration to reach the Hill Temple.

(See VEHICLE BAN on page 7)

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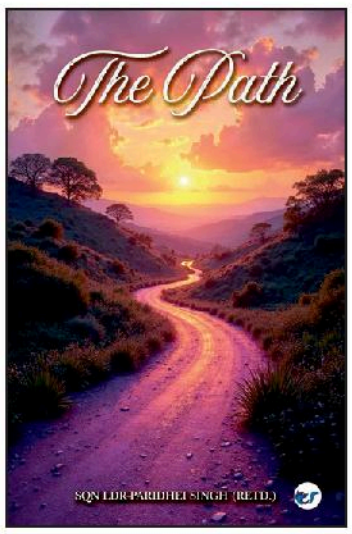
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 26th June 2025

Book release tomorrow



Mysuru, June 26- Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust has organised launching of the book 'The Path,' authored by Sqn. Ldr. Paridhei Singh (Retd.), at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city at 5.30 pm tomorrow (June 27).

Pratham Mysore Founder-Trustee Ashvini Ranjan will release the book. Ashvini Ranjan's wife Shashi Ranjan and formerly Professor of Sociology Dr. Indira Ramarao will be the guests of honour. Trust Founder Shubha Sanjay Urs will receive the book.

Smart Meters for new power connections from July 1

Mysuru, June 26- Following the orders of Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited has made it compulsory for the new electricity connections (excluding HT lines) to install Smart Meters, effective from July 1.

According to a press release from General Manager of IT and MIS, CESC, the consumers have to purchase the Smart Meters as per the rate fixed by CESC at retail outlets and obtain the connection.

Meeting tomorrow

A meeting has been organised at the auditorium of CESC tomorrow at 11.30 am, to create awareness among the consumers about the mandatory installation of Smart Meters for new connections. Interested consumers may attend the meeting and collect more details about the installation of Smart Meters, the release said.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REDUCE MENTAL CHATTER: ***The mind is a relentless stream of thoughts, continuously wandering and jumping from one idea to another. To achieve spiritual growth and inner peace, it is essential to curtail this wandering mind. Mind-body alignment (MBA), a crucial aspect of spiritual practice, requires being present in the moment, aligning one's thoughts and actions, said Swami Mitranandaji.***

According to psychiatry, the mind generates approximately 60,000 thoughts daily. Reducing this mental chatter is vital for mental clarity and focus. Lord Krishna's advice in the Bhagavad Gita (Chapter VI, verse 26), offers a practical solution: *yato yato nishcharati manash chanchalam asthiam tatas tato niyamyaitad atmanyeva vasham nayet.* ***Whenever the mind wanders, bring it back and focus it on the goal. To practice this, one must incorporate mindfulness into daily activities. Perform everyday tasks such as brushing teeth, drinking water or tying shoelaces with conscious awareness. By doing so, you will bring your mind and body into alignment, reducing mental distractions. To achieve this, one should start with a list of 10 daily activities, doing each one mindfully. As one cultivates this habit, one will find one's mind becoming more focused and calm.***

By following Krishna's advice and practising mindfulness, one can quiet the ever-churning mind and achieve a state of inner peace. Regular practice will help one stay in the present, reducing wanderings of the mind and increasing mental clarity. When one masters this technique, one will find oneself better equipped in life and reap the benefits of a more focused, calm and peaceful mind. *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

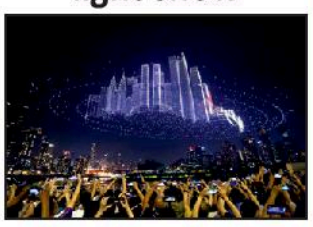
Ex-fiancee marries man without his consent

Texas: A Texas man recently made the shocking discovery that he had somehow become married to the woman he had just broken up with, without his consent.

The 42-year-old man, whose identity has not been revealed, admitted to having been in a committed relationship with 36-year-old Kristin Marie Spearman. They got into an argument and the man told Spearman that he didn't want to be in a relationship with her, but his ex-fiancée had other plan.

According to the McLennan County website, a couple must show up in person and have valid identification to receive an application for a marriage licence. But Spearman allegedly managed to get a local pastor to certify the marriage even though the groom wasn't in attendance. She then took a certified marriage licence to her local county clerk's office and filed the certificate with officials.

New world record with 11,787-drone light show



Beijing: The Chinese City of Chongqing recently set a new Guinness World Record by staging a massive light show with no less than 11,787 drones. China has become famous for its large-scale drone light show, but "Charming Chongqing", an event hosted by the city of Chongqing, set a new standard for grand drone light shows and set a new Guinness World Record in the process.

It is estimated that more than 100,000 people showed up in downtown Chongqing to watch the world's largest drone light show on the night of June 17, and they were not disappointed. No less than 11,787 small drones illuminated the night sky, coordinating to form various shapes and written messages that energized the crowd. Several giant patterns inspired by Chinese history and culture, from colourful flowers to detailed skylines and local mascots were recreated in the night sky.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Did You Know?

The human brain generates about 20 watts of electricity—enough to power a light bulb! No wonder it's called the most powerful organ.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A. R. - Senior Consultant – Neurosurgery, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Retired HC Judge appointed as Juvenile Justice Board Chairman

P. Krishna Bhat

Mysuru, June 26 (SPN&DM)- Retired Karnataka High Court Judge P. Krishna Bhat has been appointed as the new Chairman of Karnataka State Juvenile Justice Board.

The others appointed to the Board as Director/Members are: B. Vijaykumar of Bengaluru's Society for People's Action for Development, Dr. K.M. Rajendra, Assistant Professor of the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, Dr. Madhubanti Sandhya, Assistant Professor at Bengaluru's National Law School University of India (NLSUI) and Dr. K.T. Thippeswamy, Member of Karnataka Child Rights Protection Commission, according to an order issued by R. Latha, Under Secretary-3 of the Department of Women and Child Development.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Wearing of helmet issue

Fear of the law is the key to social order

Sir,

This is in response to the letter titled ***'Helmet wearing: Police must not walk the talk but act the talk'*** written by K.B. Ganapathy and published in *Star of Mysore* dated June 25, regarding the wearing of helmets and the Police in Mysuru city.

I fully endorse his views. In Mysuru city, in many areas, I have seen people riding happily even during daytime. Three or four persons, including the rider ride right in front of the Police in chowks and on beat with total impunity and without fear of the Police at all.

Therefore, there is no point in burdening the Police with further responsibilities of educating the blatant law-breakers.

The primary duty of the Police is to enforce the law enacted by the law-makers. But I find the Police enforcing the law in a way that the local law-makers want it.

Therefore, it is said in jurisprudence that fear of the law is the key to social order.

— Name withheld on request
Mysuru
25.6.2025

Joyalukkas marks World Blood Donor Day with Mega Blood Donation Drive

Kochi, June 26- Joyalukkas, one of the world's leading jewellery retail chains, commemorated World Blood Donor Day with a Mega Blood Donation Drive, collecting over 2,500 units of blood from its India and international showrooms.

Held simultaneously across its PAN India and international outlets, the campaign witnessed enthusiastic participation from employees, customers and the general public.

Speaking on the initiative, Dr. Joy Alukkas, Chairman, Joyalukkas Group said, "As a brand that believes in giving back to society, we are proud to support a cause that can save lives. Our heartfelt thanks go out to every donor who came forward to be a hero today."

World Blood Donor Day is celebrated globally to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and to thank donors for their life-saving contributions. Joyalukkas' participation in this noble cause underscores its dedication to creating a positive impact beyond business, he added.

Mysuru City Paediatric Neurologist wins 'Miss MediQueen 2025'

Mysuru, June 26- Mysuru City Paediatric Neurologist, Dr. K. Anusha Raj, was crowned as 'Miss MediQueen 2025' on June 22 at Pune, Maharashtra.

A renowned Consultant & Founder of Mysore Child Neurology and Rehabilitation Centre (MCNRC), she is the daughter of late Dr. K.H. Basavaraj (Dermatologist) and Dr. M.B. Bharathi (HoD, ENT Surgeon, JSS Hospital) from Mysuru.

MediQueen Bharat International *Miss & Mrs 2025* is a first-of-its-kind, Medico Pageant with their motto to celebrate 'Women Health,' where all fraternity female doctors can participate to celebrate their outstanding work.

Vijaya Rahatkar, Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Ajit Pawar, Dy.CM of Maharashtra and Raqesh Bapat, actor, were the chief guests. MediQueen Organiser & MD Dr. Prerana Berri, Secretary Dr. Prajakta Shah, Choreographer Avi B. Payal & team were present.

Environment Day: Police Public School NCC cadets distribute saplings

Mysuru, June 26- On account of World Environment Day, the 3 KAR Girls BN of Police Public School (PPS), Mahadevapura Main Road, Jalapuri, Mysuru, had organised various events under the guidance and support of ANO M.S. Geetha in the school campus recently.

The events included a rally around Police Quarters, highlighting the significance of afforestation. Cadets donated saplings to public ensuring that they take care of the plants and trees around them.

This was followed by the formal function witnessed by PI Staff of NCC, In-charge Principal of Police Public School Deena Uthappa and the ANO from Marimallappa School, Mysuru.

NCC cadets of PPS received their "A" Certificate from PI Staff of NCC and School Principal.

A skit was staged by the cadets to create awareness about Plastic Pollution.

This was followed by a power point presentation on importance of circular economy and growing needs of green hydrogen by Sudha, Head, Department of Science. This session was very informative and interactive for the young minds who participated enthusiastically.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Invitation of Tender Service for Pest & Rodent Control at the campus of Mysore Medical College & Research Institute & PKTB & CD Hospital Mysuru.

The Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 to Service for Pest & Rodent Control in the campus of Mysore Medical College & Research Institute and PKTB & CD Hospital, Mysuru. The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **25.06.2025** and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is **09.07.2025 upto 5.00 PM.** Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected.

If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director and Dean
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NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarship

Applications for student scholarships have been invited from Scheduled Tribe (ST) engineering graduates for professional training given by Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and National Institute of Technology (NIT) on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). A total of 200 selected engineering graduates from ST will be given training in above mentioned subjects. An amount Rs. 15,000 will be paid as stipend during the training period. Eligible candidates may submit their applications with necessary documents at the Office of Planning Coordinator before July 2. For details, contact Mob: 97420-99989, according to press release.

Staging of play 'Naayi Kaledide'

Rajendra Karanth

City-based theatre group Namde Natane Samskruthika Vedike will be staging the play 'Naayi Kaledide' on June 29 at 6.30 pm at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises. This play, written and directed by Rajendra Karanth, had won second place at the State-level Theatre Competition organised by Rangabhoomi Udupi.

Results announced

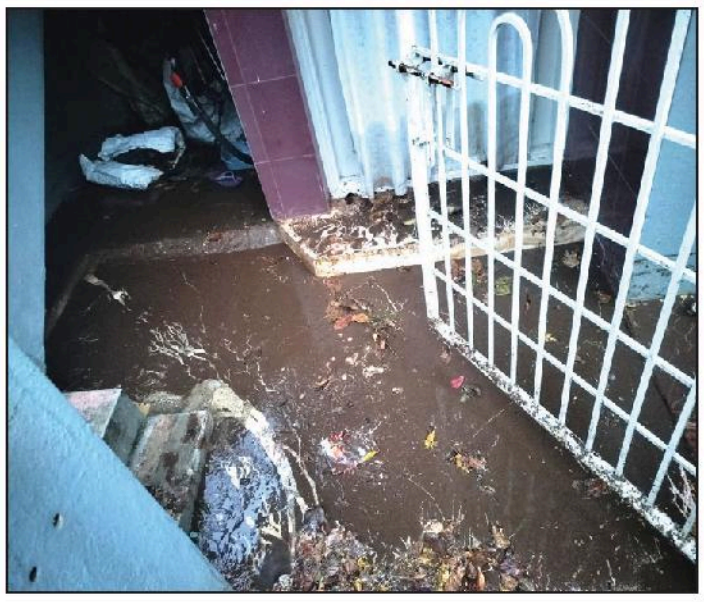
JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science (Autonomous), Ooty Road, Mysuru, has announced the results of undergraduate II, IV & VI semester examinations held in May-June 2025. The results are available in the UUCMS Student Login. Last date for Re-totalling is June 27, Photocopy - June 28 and Re-valuation - July 2.

Asteroid Day

The Cosmology Education & Research Training Centre (COSMOS) - Mysuru of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, in association with the University of Mysore (UoM), has organised Asteroid Day - 2025 on June 27 at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri, from 10.30 am to 1 pm. The half-day programme will consist of a lecture, an interaction session and experiments. The Asteroid Day is celebrated on/ near to June 30 each year as the date marks the anniversary of the largest asteroid impact in recorded history, the Tunguska event, which occurred in 1908 over Siberia. For more details, e-mail to *cosmos.epoc@iiap.res.in,* according to a press release from COSMOS Project Associate-I N. Amoghavarsha, who can be contacted on Mob: 77605-41644.

Sewage water flooding houses in Aravindanagar

- Residents going through hell since 1995
- Lack of co-ordination between MDA and MCC resulting in a lot of inconvenience to residents



Mysuru, June 26 (MTY&KS)- Due to lack of co-ordination between Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), the residents of Aravindanagar are going through hell since 1995 with sewage water flooding their homes even during small rains.

The then Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), now MDA, had formed Aravindanagar in 1987 by laying roads, UGD pipelines and after 1995, houses were constructed. But sewage water is not flowing freely through UGD pipes and is reversing into houses causing a lot of problems to the residents residing in the 9th Main of the locality.

From past three years, the residents are lodging complaints to MCC and MDA to rectify the problem, but the authorities concerned have turned a blind eye towards this issue making residents suffer further.

Sewage water from this locality flows via a private property into a big drain. But since a few years, the owner of the private property has allegedly placed sand bags and has constructed retaining walls to protect the property. This has resulted in sewage water flowing back to the houses and flooding them.

It is learnt that if the MCC and MDA officials hold talks with the owner of the private property, the problem would be solved, but the officials concerned are not ready to hold talks and have remained mute.

Residents say that if the MDA or MCC hold talks with the property owner and provide compensation, the property owner may agree to provide the land where sewage water flows into the big drain. But the authorities concerned have not taken any concrete steps in this regard, resulting in the property owner constructing a compound and stopping the flow of sewage water, residents alleged.

The residents have appealed the MDA to solve the issue many times but the MDA officials point their fingers towards MCC and when the residents approach the MCC, the officials point the fingers at MDA. This has resulted in the problem remaining stagnant.

Even the elected representatives, be it the area Corporator of the MLA have not shown any interest in solving the problem. The MCC officials just visit the area and return. The officials have only limited themselves to visiting, residents alleged.

Residents decide to bring the issue before the CM

As the MDA and MCC officials have not bothered to look into the problem and are not responding to the complaints, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, along with the residents of the locality, has decided to bring the problem to the notice of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The MLA has decided to take the photos and videos as proof of the problem and submit it to the CM. The negligent attitude and lack of co-ordination of the officials can be clearly seen. The issue, that too in the CM's district and the helplessness of officials will be presented before the CM in the complaint.

—Aravindanagar residents

Rain turns Seshadri Iyer Road into lake

Mysuru, June 26 (PM&VNS)- Seshadri Iyer Road is one of the prominent roads in Mysuru city. However, it turns into a nightmare for commuters on rainy days, as it transforms into a mini lake.

Located behind the Private Bus Stand, Seshadri Iyer Road is heavily used by those travelling towards Bannimantap, City Railway Station and beyond. Even a brief spell of rain is enough to flood the stretch, causing significant inconvenience to motorists and pedestrians alike.

With lorries and buses frequently plying on this road, two-wheeler riders bear the brunt, often getting splashed with dirty water. In an attempt to avoid being drenched, many riders speed past heavy vehicles, which sometimes leads to accidents and injuries.

Although this problem has persisted for years, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has allegedly turned a blind eye to it.

Residents also fear that stagnant water on the road will become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, posing a health hazard.

People have urged the MCC to take immediate steps to find a permanent solution, to prevent accidents and ensure smooth traffic flow on this vital stretch.

Greater Mysuru to boost progress of Yelwal, surrounding villages: MLA GTD

Mysuru, June 26 (BLU&BS)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has exuded confidence over the comprehensive development of Yelwal and surrounding villages in the vicinity of Mysuru city, once the Greater Mysuru City Corporation becomes a reality in the coming days.

MLA G.T. Devegowda was addressing the gathering, after kick-starting a drive to plant 2,000 saplings, as part of World Environment Day celebrations organised by Dr. Chandrashekar Foundation and Cauvery Group of Institutions at Yelwal yesterday.

Devegowda said, following the change in climate condition, there has been a significant changes in environment, severely impacting the prevailing weather conditions. In this wake, conservation of environment assumes significance.

"As a Zilla Panchayat President, I had taken an initiative to plant saplings from Yelwal towards Manuganahalli on Hunsur Road and Kushalnagar. Now, those plants have grown into big trees, providing shade to the passersby. Besides, the birds perch on these trees," recalled Devegowda.

In a similar initiative, noted environmentalist Salumarada Thimmakka had been invited for one lakh saplings plantation drive in a day covering schools and colleges, Primary Health Centres (PHC), Hospitals and Parks. After much struggle at the Government level, the funds was tapped under Social Forestry Scheme of Forest Department to nurture the saplings, reminisced Devegowda about the major initiatives taken during his stint as a Cooperation Minister earlier.

For better health of a man, the environment plays a pivotal role. The trees absorb moisture and create a pleasant environment. Hence, everyone should plant saplings, advised Devegowda.

Dr. Chandrashekar is rendering service in health sector ever since he established Sri Cauvery Hospital. Now, he has ventured into education sector too, by establishing educational institutions. The plans to establish an engineering college at Yelwal shall benefit the students from rural areas of this part, said Devegowda.

Not many rural students area able to reap the benefits of engineering colleges in urban areas. The college on the anvil here shall be largely benefiting the students from K.R. Nagar, Hunsur, Periyapatna, H.D. Kote and surroundings of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, said Devegowda.

Retired Additional Secretary of Forest Department Lakshman, Chairman of Cauvery Group of Institutions Dr. Chandrashekar, Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar, Administrative Officer Dr. B. Srikantaswamy, Ashoka, Raju and others were present.

Additional DC visits sports hostel

Mysuru, June 26 (VNS)- Additional Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. P. Shivaraju, who is also In-charge Officer for Mysuru Taluk, following the instructions from Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, visited sports hostel located at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad and conducted thorough inspection about the facilities being provided to the students at the hostel.

He also enquired with the students about the quality of food and facilities being provided to them. He instructed Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) Assistant Director Bhaskar Naik to ensure necessary facilities were extended to the students to help them in their pursuit to glory in their respective sports. Sports Hostel Wardens and Coaches were present.

Temple bull succumbs to rabies at Metagalli

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BCT)- Basava, the revered bull belonging to the Mahalingeshwara Temple at Metagalli, died last evening after suffering from rabies caused by a dog bite.

Basava was bitten by a rabid dog, following which he exhibited signs of distress and wandered restlessly, raising concerns among locals about potential rabies transmission.

Alert youths from the Garadi Mane managed to secure the bull and arranged veterinary care, but Basava could not recover despite their efforts.

Following his death, the youths and residents performed his last rites near the Mahalingeshwara Temple, honouring his significance in the Temple tradition.

Poor SSLC results: ZP CEO issues show cause notice to officials

Mysuru, June 26 (SPN&BS)- Following the poor performance of the district in SSLC exams 2024-25 by Government, Aided and Unaided Schools, the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) has issued a show cause notice to Block Education Officers (BEO), Block Resource Centre (BRC), DDPI now known as Deputy Director of School Education and Literacy Department - Administration and Development, in the district on Tuesday.

ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar told *Star of Mysore* that a circular has been issued citing that, disciplinary action will be recommended to the Government against those officers who fail to provide a convincing reply.

The DDPI has already issued a notice to the Head Masters of 178 schools below 60 percent pass percentage in SSLC exams. This being the home district of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has slipped to 15th position from the previously held 7th position in SSLC results. In this backdrop, speculations are rife among the teachers about failure in the implementation of 50-point programme chalked out by the Education Department to improve the results.

Notice to schools: MLC writes to Education Minister

Mysuru, June 26 (BLU&TRR)- MLC K. Vivekananda from South Teachers Constituency has written a letter to Minister of School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa voicing his disapproval about the notice given to high schools which have recorded less than 60 percent results in SSLC examinations.

In the letter, the MLC stated that the Minister should have consulted the High School Managements, Head Masters of High Schools and MLCs elected from Teachers Constituencies.

"Before issuing the notice the Minister should have understood the limitations of teachers, as teachers had to do a lot of other works like egg distribution, assisting in mid-day meals among others in addition to teaching. Apart from this they are supposed to follow various instructions given by several Department officials which are sometimes contradictory," said MLC Vivekananda while explaining the plight of teachers.

Wondering whether it is right for the Minister to expect good results after giving so much load to teachers, the MLC has urged Minister Madhu Bangarappa to immediately convene a meeting of all stakeholders and take a decision.

Girl goes missing

Kavya

Mysuru, June 26 (KS)- A 19-year-old girl has gone missing since June 24 from Varuna Police limits.

The missing girl is S. Kavya. She is 5.3 ft. tall, normal built, oval faced, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and English and was wearing a blue colour chudidhar top and white pant. Those having any information about the missing girl may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2594411 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

Obituary

Jayamma

Mysuru, June 26- Jayamma (78), a resident of Aravindanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind two daughters, three sons including N. Anantha, President of Himalaya Pratishtana and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

K. Govindraj

K. Govindraj (64), retired officer of Bank of Maharashtra and a resident of J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, passed away on June 21 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son, grandsons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held on June 22 in city, according to family sources.

Rukmini Shankar

Rukmini Shankar (85), wife of late P.S. Shankarnarayan and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away in the wee hours of yesterday in city. She leaves behind son Sriram, daughter Uma and a host of relatives and friends. She was the sister of Vid. T.P. Vaidyanathan, a famed musician of yesteryears.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to family sources.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

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Men with Shaved Heads

According to legend, when Shankaracharya went to meet Brahmin scholar Mandan Mishra, around 700 AD, Mishra refused to look at him because his head was shaved. This is why the Shankaracharyas cover their heads with cloth even today, as shaven heads are still seen as symbols of bad luck and inauspiciousness. Householders once shunned all hermits.

Traditionally, ancient Vedic sages had long hair that they tied in a knot. Rig Veda refers to the long-haired Keshin looking at the sky. Linked to Rudra, these may have been the Vedic counterparts of the Akhara Nagas, though they became institutionalised only after 1500 AD. On the Sanchi stupas, it is clear that the rich men of cities, who lived 2,000 years ago, also had long hair. They ornamented these hair knots with jewels.

When Buddha became a monk, he also shaved his head and gave away his hair. It was collected by Sakra, king of the gods. Later, he gave a tuft of his hair to merchants, Tapussa and Bhallika of Ukalapada, who began the practice of placing Buddha's relics (hair, teeth, bones) in a stupa.

The Shwedagon pagoda in Myanmar is said to contain the Buddha's hair. Buddha and his monks shaved their heads to declare their status as hermits and to avoid the attention of women. However, when artworks of Buddha began to be created, after 100 AD, he was depicted with a top knot, as people disliked images of men with shaved heads.

Later, as Buddhism spread to China and Japan, where shaven heads were common among Taoist monks, the image of the shaven-headed Buddhist monk became very popular, resulting in figures like the laughing Buddha with a shaved head. Buddha's topknot was replaced by a flame in Thailand.

In Jainism, monks pluck their hair to show they have renounced all worldly attachments. However, in art, Jain Tirthankaras are often shown with curly hair, and Rishabh Nath is depicted with long hair falling over his shoulders.

Hair has long been used to communicate various meanings. The shaven head signifies renunciation, while a full head of well-oiled hair indicates virility and masculine beauty. Balarama is described as having long, silky hair. Krishna is described as having thick curly hair. In the Mahabharata, there is a story where Krishna teaches Rukmi a lesson by shaving half his head and half his moustache.

Shiva, as the wild ascetic, has matted dreadlocks bound with birch juice and tied in a knot, so thick that it can even break the fall of the river Ganga as she descends from the skies to earth. This matted lock is home to the crescent moon too.

The Brahmins shave part of their hair to symbolise their role in the spiritual world, yet retain a top knot and a tuft of hair to show they are still connected to the material world. This reflects their role as neither complete hermits nor entirely householders. In folklore, it is said that Chanakya undid his topknot and vowed not to tie it until he avenged his humiliation at the hands of King Nanda. In folk theatre, Narada, the mischievous sage, is shown with flowers on his topknot, the flowers giving out the fragrance of Vaijayanti, the garland of Krishna.

Shaving the head is also a common practice during funeral ceremonies to express bereavement. However, a tuft of hair is often left behind to indicate that the person has not fully renounced the world. Shaving the full head indicates renunciation, sanyasa. Hair was seen as a symbol of vanity even in the Mediterranean region, and so Christian monks shaved their heads.

In ancient times, warriors typically wore their hair long. Jewish Bible (Old Testament of the Christians) tells the story of how Samson lost his superhuman strength when Delilah shaved off his head. Then there is the story of Prince Absalom, who was proud of his thick hair. He rebelled against his father. While escaping from soldiers, his hair got caught in the branches of a tree. He was pulled out of a chariot, and was caught and killed.

In Greek myth, Achilles cut his long hair to mourn the loss of his beloved friend Patroclus. The Roman army popularised the crew cut to prevent enemies from grabbing soldiers' hair and slitting their throats. In the 1700s, when Guru Gobind Singh established the Khalsa, Sikh warriors stopped cutting their hair and tied it in a turban. This made all soldiers distinct as they marched against their Mughal oppressors.

In Japan, as Buddhism spread, the practice of shaving the head gained popularity. In earlier days, men had long hair and beards, but in the Edo period of the 1600s, samurai warriors were required to have clean-shaven faces. This helped reduce sweating when wearing helmets. The back of the head retained hair tied into a top knot to secure the helmet, which made it more practical for the samurai. Over time, this became a fashion statement and a symbol of civilised behaviour.

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Grand Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations tomorrow

Mysuru, June 26 (GA&VNS)-Vokkaligara Sangha, in association with various organisations, will be celebrating 'Nadaprabhu' Kempegowda Jayanti in city tomorrow (June 27), said Jayanti Celebrations Committee President Prashanth Gowda.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, he said, the celebrations will begin by garlanding the statue of Kempegowda at Kempegowda Circle located at Alanahalli at 9 am following which Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Branch Mutt Head Sri Someshwaranatha Swamji will inaugurate the procession by offering *puja* to Nandi Kamba in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, at 9.30 am. Cultural troupes from Mangaluru have been invited to take part in the procession to be held till Kalamandira.

During the event at Kalamandira, Dr. S.P. Yoganna of Suyog Hospital, Mysuru, will deliver a lecture on Kempegowda following which meritorious students belonging to Vokkaliga community will be felicitated for scoring highest marks in SSLC and PUC examinations. This apart, awards will be presented to 30 achievers belonging to various communities on the occasion.

Kempegowda, Yamuna, Ravi Kumar, Naganna and Gururaj were present at the press meet.

Bike Rally to create awareness

In a bid to create awareness and publicity about Manipal Hospital Junction on Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway as 'Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Circle,' a special bike rally will be organised tomorrow (June 27) at 7.30 am, said State Vokkaliga Sangha Director and former Corporator K.V. Sridhar here yesterday.

"It has been almost 10 years since the Junction was named as Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Circle. Yet, it is still known as Manipal Hospital Junction. There is a need to create awareness among the people and also urge the authorities to take up the construction of the Circle at junction at the earliest," he added.

Tomorrow, the rally will begin from Surya Bakery Circle in Hebbal at 7.30 am and reach the Ring Road Junction passing through Basavanagudi Circle. On reaching the Junction, floral tributes will be offered to the portrait of Kempegowda. Sridhar has urged people to take part in large number.

Saree & jewellery expo begins

An exclusive exhibition by Vaishnavi Silks, showcasing a stunning array of timeless and contemporary sarees and Fuschia by Ritu Mehrotra, an exclusive handcrafted jewellery brand, organised by Impressionz at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city, began this morning. Seen are *(from right)* ***organiser Krupa Sumanth, chief guests Vijaya Ashwin Pallegar, Kavitha Gururaj and Sunita Prakash. The expo is open from 11 am to 9 pm today and tomorrow (June 26 and 27).***

M.G. Road returns to daily traffic chaos

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BCT)- Ten months ago, the District Administration and City Police undertook a much-lauded initiative to reclaim Mahatma Gandhi Road (M.G. Road) — Manasa Road Junction to the underbridge — from chaos.

They cleared the stretch of vegetable-laden trucks parked haphazardly, encroaching vendors, illegal roadside stalls, wandering cattle and stray dogs, restoring a semblance of order to one of Mysuru's busiest roads.

Today, that order lies in shambles. The road has once again descended into complete anarchy, as though the clean-up never happened.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that vendors from Bandipalya APMC Yard operate with impunity, allegedly protected by powerful political patrons. Regardless of rules, these vendors continue to blatantly flout regulations, choking the stretch.

The Road from the Mall of Mysore junction to the M.G. Road Vegetable Market underbridge has reverted to being a notorious traffic nightmare, especially from 6 am to 12 noon daily for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Though a **concrete median** has now been laid, it has done little to streamline movement on either side of the road. In fact, it has backfired. Earlier, authorities had planned to erect **iron barricades** down the middle of the road to prevent vendors and their vehicles from crossing over.

It may be noted, on June 19, 2024, then Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, then City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth and senior officials conducted a spot inspection of M.G. Road. They instructed vendors to confine their operations strictly within the market premises and ordered that all loading and unloading be done inside, not on the roadside.

Subsequently, on July 4, 2024, the City Police Commissioner declared M.G. Road a strict no-parking zone for all vehicles near the vegetable market. A complete parking ban was enforced from Manasa Road Junction to the underbridge, on both the north and south sides.

That directive brought temporary relief, restoring order for three to four months. But the enforcement didn't last. Today, the road is back to its unruly state. Adding to the mess, stray cattle — drawn by the garbage dumped by vendors — roam freely, posing a serious threat to motorists and pedestrians.

The M.G. Road clean-up has become a case of good governance undermined by political pressure and lack of sustained enforcement.

> I am aware of the chaotic situation on M.G. Road and the inconvenience it is causing public. Currently, with Ashada season underway, District Administration officers are engaged in preparations atop Chamundi Hill. However, I will soon visit the M.G. Road Market along with the City Police Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner and other officials to assess the situation first-hand. We will work on a practical solution that addresses the concerns of both the public and the vegetable vendors."
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> **— G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru**

Vehicle ban to Chamundi Hill

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Free bus services (from Lalitha Mahal Grounds to Temple): Available from 5 am to 8 pm, except on Saturdays and Sundays, when devotees must purchase tickets. **Free buses from City Bus Stand:** Operate only on Fridays. Residents of Chamundi Hill must present valid documents to access the area during restricted hours.

Separate parking arrangements have been made for VVIPs and Government vehicles. A designated space has been arranged for mass feeding. Buses for devotees will be available in front of Kings Coffee to ferry them to both the Grounds and City Bus Stand. Those climbing the Hill on foot via the steps may begin from 5 am and a parking facility for their vehicles has been arranged at the grounds near Pinjrapole.

District Administration is all set

The District Administration is fully prepared for the first Ashada Friday tomorrow. A free bus service has been arranged from the grounds opposite the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel.

Anticipating a massive rush, the KSRTC has deployed 45 buses, including air-conditioned buses for Rs. 2,000 ticket holders, to transport devotees from the Grounds to the top of the Hill.

Separate ticket counters for Rs. 300 and Rs. 2,000 darshan have been set up at the grounds. Accordingly, separate buses have been arranged for free darshan, Rs. 300 and Rs. 2,000 ticket holders to streamline the movement of devotees. Barricades have been erected to control crowds.

To support the arrangements, mobile toilets are being installed, additional lighting is being set up, and footwear stands have been placed on the grounds. These steps were taken because the Temple now has separate entry and exit points. Devotees are not allowed to return to the entry area to collect their footwear. To prevent overcrowding, KSRTC buses will operate on a rotation basis — new buses will be allowed to ferry devotees only after the return of buses that have brought earlier batches back.

Three separate queues will be formed for temple entry: One for general (Dharmadarshan) one for Rs. 300 ticket holders and another for Rs. 2,000 ticket holders. The first bus from Lalitha Mahal Grounds will leave for the hilltop at 5 am, and the last bus will depart at 9 pm.

Hyder Ali Road works stalled

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The environmentalists, who refused to acquiesce, fired a series of questions. They contended that the road work was taken up in violation of Supreme Court norms.

"After cutting down 40 fully grown trees, you have to keep up the promise of an alternative plantation to compensate for the lost green cover. Furnish the details about the number of saplings planted, as at least 10 saplings should be planted for each of the 40 trees axed for the widening of the road, totalling 400 saplings," the environmentalists argued.

As the drama ensued, the protesters climbed one of the two earth-moving vehicles deployed to dig the earth for the construction of a box-type drainage line and forced the operator to stop the work.

MCC has launched the works on digging the surface and levelling the land at low-lying points for the construction of box-type drains. In the later stages, footpaths on either side, median, streetlights and asphalting have been planned. The estimated cost of the work is Rs. 4 crore, and the deadline for completion is six months.

MCC Deputy Commissioner K.J. Sindhu, who holds concurrent charge as Superintending Engineer, visited the spot, following the confrontation between the officers and environmentalists.

Sindhu told *Star of Mysore*, "As part of the project, the existing 20-metre road will be widened up to 30 metres to build a four-lane road, along with a footpath, median, streetlights and box-type drain at the cost of Rs. 4 crore. The works should be completed within six months. There is a provision to plant 100 saplings in the median space. The MCC has borne the funds required to plant the remaining 300 saplings by the Forest Department, to take up plantation during the regular afforestation drive, Sindhu said.

Sindhuvalli Akbar, Gangavati and other activists took part in the protest.

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Cauvery Aarti will be held for sure: D.K. Shivakumar

Bengaluru, June 26 (KMS&BCT)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Agriculture Minister Cheluvarayaswamy have assured that the Cauvery Aarti event will not harm the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) Dam in Mandya.

The clarification came after a meeting at Vidhana Soudha yesterday with farmers and representatives from Mandya district. The Ministers emphasised that the decision followed consultations with irrigation and technical experts, incorporating their recommendations.

The event will be held downstream of the Dam's water release point, a significant distance from the KRS structure. Currently, beautification work is underway at the site. "Some concerns have arisen due to a lack of awareness about the location and safeguards," Shivakumar, who is also the Minister for Water Resources, acknowledged. "We share their responsibility toward the Dam's safety and would never compromise it," he added.

They described the Cauvery Aarti as a symbolic tribute to the river, reflecting the cultural heritage of Kodagu, Mangaluru, Mysuru and Mandya. Additionally, the event is expected to create direct employment for nearly 2,000 people.

A detailed plan for the aarti will be released in the next two to three days. Addressing opposition fuelled by misinformation, the Ministers said, "We will hold another round of discussions with stakeholders to address any doubts."

Shivakumar reaffirmed that the event will proceed, highlighting the Cauvery's role as a lifeline for Bengaluru, Mandya, and farmers in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Kerala. "Efforts may fail, but prayers never do — that is our belief," he added.

Drawing parallels, they cited the Ganga Aarti and Tunga Aarti, stating it is time for Karnataka to celebrate its own Cauvery Aarti.

The KRS Brindavan Gardens already attract thousands of tourists daily and the Government aims to enhance its appeal further. "This initiative honours Mother Cauvery, generates jobs, preserves culture, and boosts tourism," they explained.

Meanwhile, development projects are underway at Chamundi Hill, including the establishment of the Chamundi Hill Development Authority. Shivakumar said that companies like TVS have contributed through CSR-funded temple renovations.

A pilot Cauvery Aarti was previously held at Sankey Tank (Bengaluru), facing legal challenges before receiving court approval. The event drew 25,000 attendees, underscoring the river's emotional significance, he noted.

"Mother Cauvery sustains us all and without her, Bengaluru would face water scarcity, and agriculture and industries would collapse," Shivakumar stressed. The Ministers also reiterated their commitment to the Mekedatu Project, aiming to benefit both Karnataka and TN.

Atithya Ratna award recipient C. Narayanagowda felicitated

Mysuru, June 26 (BCT)- It is a matter of pride for Mysuru's thriving tourism and hospitality sector that C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, has bagged the State-level 'Atithya Ratna 2025' award.

The award was conferred during the 70th annual celebration of the Karnataka State Hotels Association in Bengaluru, recognising Narayanagowda's exceptional contributions to the industry and his unwavering commitment to promoting Mysuru as a premier tourist destination.

At a felicitation ceremony organised recently by the Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association at a private hotel in Vishweshwaranagar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that Narayanagowda has been instrumental in fostering collaboration between local organisations, entrepreneurs and the District Administration to host high-profile events such as World Tourism Day and International Yoga Day, elevating Mysuru's global profile.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, he played a pivotal role in supporting hotel workers by facilitating food supplies and medical aid through the Labour Department. He also extended crucial assistance to struggling small-scale hoteliers, helping them navigate financial hardships," he noted.

MLA K. Harishgowda praised Narayanagowda's two-decade-long dedication to promoting Mysuru's tourism. His efforts in organising major festivals — including Mysuru Dasara, New Year celebrations, Ashada, Deepavali and summer season events — have drawn lakhs of tourists, generated employment and preserved the region's cultural legacy.

Additionally, Narayanagowda has been a driving force behind leveraging Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for government initiatives. His leadership in conceptualising and executing the Mysuru Dasara Food Festival has been particularly noteworthy, offering tourists a unique culinary experience, he added.

Hundreds of hoteliers attended the event to personally congratulate Narayanagowda on this well-deserved honour. Among the dignitaries present were G.K. Shetty, State President, Hotel Owners' Association; M. Rajendra, former State President; Ravi Shastri, Vice-President; A.R. Ravindra Bhat, Secretary; Suresh Ugraiah, G. Ashok, Subramanya Tantri, K.S. Arun, K. Bhaskar Shetty, P.S. Shekhar, Kiran and M.V. Ramaprasad.

A rain gauge in Kodagu that can never do its job!

Ponnampet, June 26 (AG&BCT)- Relentless rains continue to lash Kodagu, pushing rivers and streams well above the danger mark. Authorities have evacuated residents from low-lying areas and declared a holiday for all schools and colleges today, as the region remained under a red alert issued until 8 am this morning.

But as Kodagu battles the fury of nature, its most critical weather monitoring tools are failing. Of the 104 Telemetric Rain Gauges (TRGs) installed across the district, 56 — over 54 percent — are non-functional. Shockingly, there is no clear timeline for when these essential devices will be restored.

In a glaring act of official negligence, a TRG installed at Kanoor Gram Panchayat in Ponnampet Taluk — an area known for heavy rainfall — has been placed under a roof. Ironically, it is installed to measure rain but placed where it does not rain.

This baffling decision has rendered the gauge completely useless. With not a drop of rain reaching the sensor, accurate data from this high-rainfall zone is lost. Residents said that the TRG was installed two months ago and nothing has been done to rectify the construction anomaly.

Furious residents have flayed the Panchayat for such incompetence, calling out the lack of basic common sense and waste of public funds. TRGs are vital for real-time rainfall data collection and help agencies like the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) issue timely flood alerts and coordinate emergency responses.

With more rain forecast and rivers swelling dangerously, the failure to properly install and maintain these gauges could cost lives, and underscores a disturbing lack of preparedness to face the monsoon.

Sarada Vilas Teachers College gets B++ Grade NAAC accreditation

Mysuru, June 26- National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) made online visit to Sarada Vilas Teachers College, an offshoot of the Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, located at Krishnamurthypuram in city on May 26 and 27.

The college was awarded with 'B++' Grade during this 3rd Cycle of accreditation. Principal Dr. K.S. Leela, IQAC Coordinator Dr. H.M. Manjunath, Librarian Dr. J. Manjunath and Associate Professor Dr. H.N. Vishwanath provided complete information to the Committee.

The NAAC Committee interacted with the members of the Governing Council of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, teachers, non-teaching staff, present students and alumni of college and had a long discussion regarding the academic and physical facilities available in the college and reviewed necessary documents.

The Committee appreciated the conducive environment for learning in the college, infrastructure, library facilities, discipline among the students, academic and skill development measures and praised the performance of the college. The Committee lauded the three best aspects of the college, namely foresight and vision of management in the field of education', 'green corridor of college and robust alumni association.' The 'B++' grade accreditation received by the college on June 6, 2025 will be valid for next five years.

President of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions Dr. B.M. Subraya, Hon. Secretary R. Narasimha, Governing Council Member Prof. T.K. Umesh and other Members of Governing Council congratulated the Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff of college for their hard work and contribution towards this achievement.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, June 26- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up its 1st quarterly maintenance works at Bogadi Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply on June 27 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Janathanagar, Bogadi 2nd Stage North, Gangothri Campus, Gangothri Quarters, Dasanakoppal, Maratikyatanahalli, Roopanagar, Deepanagar, Bogadi village, Preethi Layout, RMP Quarters, Vijayanagar 3rd and 4th Stages, Vijayashripura, Sudha Layout, Railway, SBM & CFTRI Layouts, Vagdevinagar, University and surrounding areas.

Anti-drug abuse rally flagged off in city

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&DM)- Marking the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the City Police, in association with other organisations, took out an anti-drug abuse rally here this morning.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and MMC&RI Psychiatry Department faculty Dr. Malini jointly flagged off the rally in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Malini said, consumption and abuse of drug will only lead to deadly diseases like cancer. Highlighting the hazards of drug abuse, she said that it will adversely affect both the physical and mental health of drug users.

Expressing concern over rising cases of drug abuse amongst college students, which is ruining both their life and careers, she said that everyone should understand that drug use will not only affect the individuals but also their families as well.

Pointing out that drug abuse will also affect society at large, Dr. Malini stressed on the need for carrying out widespread awareness campaign against this societal menace in order to ensure overall health of the society.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said that anti-drug abuse campaign is an initiative aimed at preventing and reducing drug use and its harmful effects on individuals and communities.

She called for larger involvement of the public in carrying out awareness programmes and community outreach efforts to discourage drug use and promote healthy lifestyles.

The theme of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking this year (2025) is 'The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention,' highlighting the need for urgent, evidence-based preventive measures to address the world's drug abuse problem.

The rally, which commenced from Palace North Gate, passed through K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, D. Banumaiah's College, CADA Office, Sanskrit Pathashala and Hardinge Circle, before culminating at the starting point.

More than 500 students and staff of MMC&RI Nursing College, Cauvery Nursing School, BGS Nursing School, City Civil and Traffic Police and other organisations took part.

DCPs M. Muthuraju (Law & Order), K.S. Sundar Raj (Crime & Traffic) and Siddanagouda Y. Patil (CAR) and other Police personnel were present.

Awareness rally by Traffic Cops

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&KS)- Devaraja Traffic Police took out an awareness rally against drug abuse in city on Tuesday.

The rally was flagged off by DCP (Crime & Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple. The rally passed via K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Government Ayurveda College Circle, Irwin Road, Nehru Circle, Ashoka Road and culminated at Town Hall premises.

Devaraja Traffic Inspector Mamata, Sub-Inspectors Shivakumar, Chandrashekar Maanageri, Siddesh, Nagaraj, Ramesh, Prabhuraj and staff, auto and taxi drivers took part in the awareness rally.

Polling held for MCDCC Bank

Results this evening

Mysuru, June 26 (BLU&DM)- The voting for electing 12 of the 13 new Directors of the MCDCC (Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central) Bank, which has turned out to be a prestigious one this time with as many as 4 sitting MLAs and other top political leaders of the two districts contesting, was held today at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city.

The polling, which began at 9 am, concluded at 4 pm.

The polls has 380 voters in all, who are delegates of Co-operative Societies and Banks in the two districts of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar. Polling was held for 12 of the 13 seats, as H.M. Jayaram was earlier declared elected unopposed from Yelandur taluk seat in Chamarajanagar district. There are a total of 29 candidates in the fray for the 12 seats which went to the polls.

The 4 MLAs who are contesting are: G.D. Harish Gowda (Hunsur), Anil Chikkamadu (H.D. Kote), H.M. Ganesh Prasad (Gundlupet) and C. Puttarangashetty (Ch'nagar), while R. Narendra, a former 3-time MLA from Hanur, is also in the fray.

The contestants are — Mysuru taluk seat: M. Kenchappa, who is said to be a relative of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and M.G. Siddaraju; Nanjangud taluk seat: K. Raju and B.N. Sadananda, a former Director of the Bank; T. Narasipur taluk seat: C. Basavegowda and T.P. Boregowda; H.D. Kote seat: Congress MLA Anil Chikkamadu, Madappa, J.K. Lakshmiprasad and Shivananjegowda; Hunsur taluk seat: JD(S) MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, Govindegowda and J. Shivanna; Periyapatna taluk seat: C.N. Ravi and E.P. Lokesh, K.R. Nagar taluk seat: Doddaswamegowda, father of sitting K.R. Nagar Congress MLA D. Ravishankar, Amit V. Devarahatti, son of MLC A.H. Vishwanath and S. Siddegowda; Chamarajanagar taluk seat: Congress MLA C. Puttarangashetty and BJP leader P. Vrushabhendrappa; Gundlupet taluk seat: Congress MLA H.M.Ganesh Prasad and S.M. Veerappa, a BJP backed candidate, Kollegal; Hanur taluk seat: Former MLA R. Narendra and B.S. Mallesh, a BJP backed candidate.

Urban Co-operative Banks & Housing Co-operative Societies seat: Former Corporator SBM Manju, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and G.N. Manjunath, said to be a close associate of NR Congress MLA Tanveer Sait and Co-operative Societies and Co-operative Banks seat: S. Chandrashekar and T. Ramegowda.

Counting of votes will be taken up following a short break after the conclusion of voting at 4 pm and the results will be announced later this evening. Mysuru Asst. Commissioner Ashappa is the Returning Officer for the polls.

The Police had made elaborate security arrangements around the voting centre (Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry) for ensuring smooth conduct of the polls. A large number of followers of the candidates had gathered around the centre.

Chamundi Hill steps cleanliness drive held

Mysuru, June 26 (MTY&BS)- Sir M. Visveswaraya Plumbing and Underground Drainage (UGD) Workers' Welfare Association conducted a drive to clean 1,001 steps at Chamundi foothill, as part of Ashada Month Puja Mahotsav yesterday.

C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysuru District Hotel Owners Association, inaugurated the drive in the presence of Krishnaraja Cooperative Bank President Basavaraj (Basappa), Sir M. Visveswaraya Plumbing and Underground Drainage (UGD) Workers' Welfare Association President S. Mahesh and others.

Narayangowda said, there has been a increase in number of devotees visiting Chamundi Hill through the steps, to take part in special puja mahotsav. Ashada Month holds a special reverence in our culture. It is laudable on the part of the organisers to clean the steps.

Later over 50 people took part in cleaning the 1,001 steps from the foothill to the temple at the hill top. Sangha Vice-President M.S. Suresh Kumar, office-bearers M. Ravikumar, Palani, Chandregowda, Rudraswamy, Mohammed Zakir Hussain, Hebbal Yogesh and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Flotsam

Pronunciation: FLAHT-sum (noun)
Meaning: Flotsam refers to the floating pieces that remain after a shipwreck, or more broadly to any floating debris or wreckage. It is also used figuratively to refer to miscellaneous or unimportant material, often in the phrase "flotsam and jetsam."
Origin: English speakers started using flotsam, jetsam, and lagan as legal terms in the 16th and 17th centuries, with flotsam itself dating to the first years of the 17th. The three words were used to establish claims of ownership of the three types of seaborne, vessel-originated goods they named. Flotsam was anything from a shipwreck (the word comes from Anglo-French floter, meaning "to float"), and jetsam and lagan were items thrown overboard to reduce the cargo weight of a ship. Lagan was distinguished from jetsam by having a buoy attached so the goods could be found if they sank. In the 19th century, when flotsam and jetsam took on extended meanings, they developed synonymous applications and are today often paired, lagan having mostly been left at sea.
Example: "The Vancouver multidisciplinary artist and educator [Alex Tedlie-Stursberg] works in various mediums, using found objects and natural materials scavenged from the ocean's edge and the landscape of the city. Detritus and flotsam become parts of beautiful sculptures, tableaus and assemblages in this artist's hands." — Dana Gee, The Vancouver (British Columbia) Sun, 23 Nov. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Shot-clog

A bore tolerated only because he pays the charge for others.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get Down to Brass Tacks

Meaning: When you use the expression 'Get Down to Brass Tacks' you mean you are clearing away excess and getting to basic realities or facts.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'Get Down to Brass Tacks' can be found in mid-1800s America. One of the earliest uses of the phrase in print comes from a January 1863 edition of the Texas newspaper The Tri-Weekly Telegraph: "When you come down to brass tacks – if we may be allowed the expression – everybody is governed by selfishness."
Example: "Let's get down to brass tacks. I'm sick of you taking advantage of me!"

QUOTE BOX

Education is the movement from darkness to light. **—Allan Bloom**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: The Three Musketeers.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Karl Marx's ___ Kapital
4 Recess in a church
8 Gaiter-like item of footwear
12 First Woman
13 Coarse stiff hair
14 It won't ___ : it will not stand scrutiny?
15 Nomad
17 Reverberation
18 Taunt or bother
19 Irrigate
20 Come into contact
22 Mystery writers' award
24 Proprietor
26 Hang loosely
27 Sellout sign: abbr.
30 Edict
32 Native African drum (3-3)
34 Poetic anger
35 'Sea' in French
37 Requirements
38 Shade of purple
40 Piece of office furniture
41 Corpulent, porter
44 Inexpensive
46 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
47 Plain unclarified stock or broth
50 Tall, thin and slender
51 Toe woe
52 Prefix for "dermis" or "center"
53 A three in cards, dice or dominoes
54 ____ of the Thousand Days
55 Std. temp. & press.

DOWN
1 Condensed moisture
2 Actress Gardner
3 Judicial punishment
4 On the briny
5 Intrinsically - in Latin? (3,2)
6 Spirited horses
7 Organ of hearing
8 Use bad language
9 An agreement
10 Ex-Tennis champ Arthur ___
11 Norse god of thunder
16 Discourage
19 Cart
20 Our Prime Minister Narendra ___
21 Large container
23 Slang word for pistol
25 Send or forward
27 Church towers with spires
28 Slender bars
29 City on the Irtysh
31 As slippery as an ____?
33 Olympic prize
36 Animal of North America
38 Fortunate
39 Be agitated
41 Sodium chloride
42 Rip
43 Prefix for wine
45 One in Bonn
47 Bihar Cric. Assoc.
48 Choose
49 Pinch or bite

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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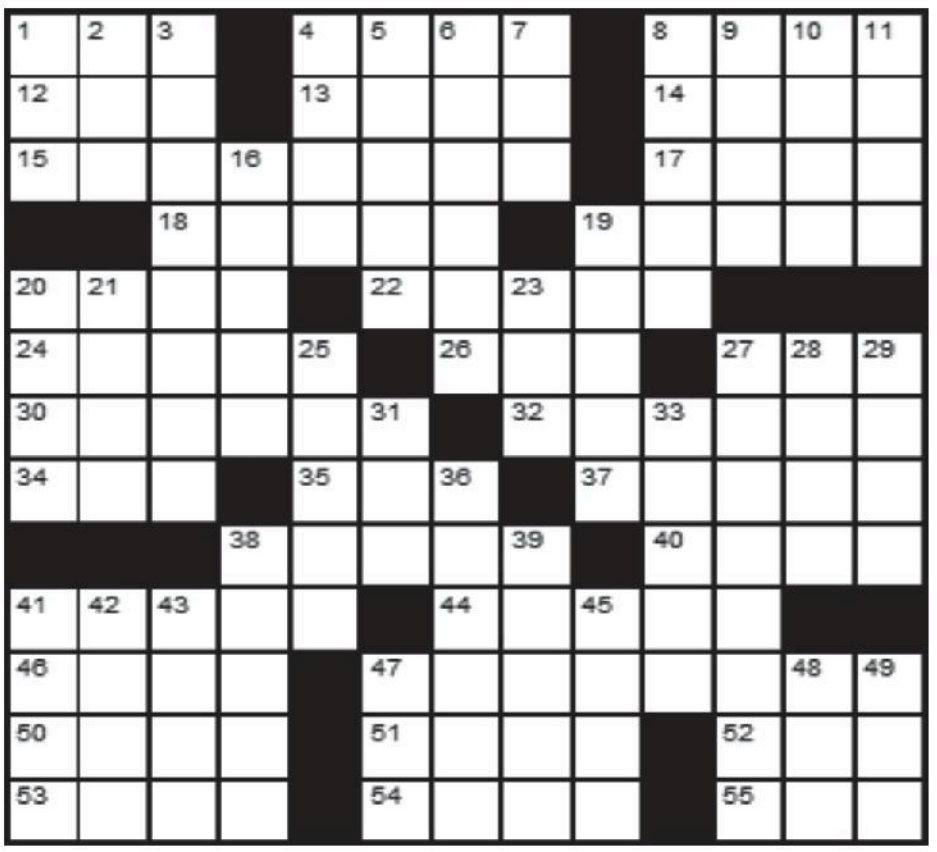

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

4	5	9	7	8	6	2	1	3
3	1	2	5	4	9	8	7	6
6	8	7	1	2	3	5	9	4
9	3	4	6	7	5	1	2	8
2	6	8	4	9	1	3	5	7
5	7	1	2	3	8	4	6	9
7	9	3	8	1	2	6	4	5
1	4	6	3	5	7	9	8	2
8	2	5	9	6	4	7	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BYRW EWRL NVARL QLFLCQT LCEKWLAB

YC HGVE BYR VWL JYOFVWLQ HKEG.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A word to the wise ain't necessary -- it's the stupid ones that need the advice.

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Maadeva (K) - 4 Shows

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Bhagiratha (K) - 1 Show; *Bullet (K)* - 3 Shows

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
Kuberaa (Ta) - 2 Shows; *Kuberaa (K)* - 2 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
DNA (Ta) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre **Ph: 2420885**
Kalave Mosagara (K) - 2 Shows; *Kuladalli Keelyavudo (K)* - 2 Shows

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Kuberaa (Te) - 4 Shows

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Kuberaa (H) - 3 Shows

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28 Years Later (E)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 7.55 pm; (S-3) 4.30 pm
DNA (Ta)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	(S-4)	2.20 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	(S-1)	10.25 pm; (S-2) 4 pm, 7.10 pm
Elio (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 1.45 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Maadeva (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Vyasanasametham Bandhumithra (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35, 6.40, 9.45 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.45 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	4.45 pm, 8.30 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	9.35 pm
Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana (K)	:	11 am
Maadeva (K)	:	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Kalave Mosagara (K)	:	2.10 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	4 pm
8 Vasantalu (Te)	:	5.05 pm

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Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 2.40 pm 3.50 pm, 6 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.20 pm 10 pm 10.30 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	9.20 am, 1 pm, 6.20 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Elio (E-3D)	:	10 am, 2.55 pm, 8 pm
28 Years Later (E)	:	10.05 am, 12.20 pm, 7.25 pm
8 Vasantalu (Te)	:	11.40 am
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	11.55 am
Materialists (E)	:	12.40 pm
Housefull 5 (H)	:	3 pm
From The World of John Wick: Ballerina (E)	:	4.40 pm
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	5.15 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	6.55 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
DNA (Ta)	:	10 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Kuberaa (Te)	:	9.40 am, 4.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 12.35 pm, 6.50 pm
28 Years Later (E)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Elio (E-3D)	:	10 am, 7.55 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.10 pm 7 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1.15 pm
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm
Deadly Lover (K)	:	4 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40, 6.10 pm 7 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Elio (E-3D)	:	9.30 am
Elio (E-2D)	:	2.20 pm, 8.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 4.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	11.45 am, 6.30 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	2.50 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	11.40 am
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	3.25 pm
Vyasana Sametham Bandhu Mithradhikal (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Elio (E-2D)	:	9.40 am
Elio (E-3D)	:	2 pm, 7.55 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 6.20 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	11.20 am, 4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Black Sheep (K)	:	11.55 am
Maadeva (K)	:	2.35 pm
Deadly Lover (K)	:	5.25 pm
Ronth (Ma)	:	7.40 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Samskrutika Sourabha, Yuva Sourabha & Chiguru programmes: Entries invited

Mysuru, June 26- Kannada and Culture Department will organise Samskrutika Sourabha, Yuva Sourabha and Chiguru programmes in Mysuru (2025-26).

Applications have been invited from artistes who want to perform in these programmes. Applications should be submitted to the Office of the Assistant Director, Kannada & Culture Department, Karnataka Kalamandira, Mysuru, before July 8 (5.30 pm).

Samskrutika Sourabha: The Samskrutika Sourabha programme includes Classical Music, Karnatak/ Hindustani Vocal/ Instrumental Music/ Sugama Sangeetha/ Vachana / Folk Songs/ Group Dance/ Dance-Drama/ Folk Art Troupe/ Drama, Yakshagana, Mudalapaya, Bayalata Gombe Mela Gamaka/ Katha Keertana etc.

The artistes should be B, B-High and A Grade artistes of AIR and only artistes who have been conferred awards given by the Government can apply.

Yuva Sourabha: The Yuva Sourabha programme includes art forms such as Sugama Sangeetha/ Vachana/ Folk Songs/ Group Dance/ Dance-Drama/ Folk Art Troupe/ Drama, Yakshagana, Moodalapaya, Bayalata, Gombe Mela/Mono Act, etc. Talented young artistes in the age group of 15-30 years can apply.

Chiguru: The Chiguru programme includes art forms such as Classical Music, Karnatak/ Hindustani Vocal, Instrumental Music, Sugama Sangeetha, Vachana, Folk Songs, Group Dance, Dance-Drama, Drama, Yakshagana, Moodalapaya, Bayalata, Gombe Mela, Mono Act, etc. Talented children in the age group of 8-14 can apply.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2513225, according to Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 26)

Pathi Foundation: Musical Evening of songs from films starring Dr. Vishnuvardhan, Srinath, Shankar Nag and Ananth Nag, distribution of financial aid to visually impaired children and felicitation to SSLC and PUC toppers, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) President M. Narasimhalu, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MP Prathap Simha, Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District President Nagaraj V. Bairy and others chief guests, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 27)

Kodava Samaja Youth Wing, Mysuru (unit of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru): The Kodava Hockey Premier League-2025, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **7 am to 5.30 pm.**

Sri Adishakti, Sri Bandantamma & Sri Kalamma Devastana Seva Samiti: Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations, procession from Sri Bandantamma Temple, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda, former MLA L. Nagendra chief guests, Temple premises, K.G. Koppal, Kuvempunagar, **8 am.**

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru: Inauguration of new block of Ladies Hostel by Noorin Bux IOFS, Director of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, in the presence of Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director of AIISH, AIISH premises, **9 am.**

Sri Abhinava Shankaralaya, Shankar Mutt, Mysuru: Sri Gajalakshmi Alankara, Sri Mahaganapati, Navagraha, Mrutyunjaya Homa, **10 am;** Poornahuti, **12 noon;** Mahamangalarati & Prasada Distribution, **12.30 pm;** Lalitha Sahasranama Kunkumarchane by 108 ladies, **5 pm;** Flute recital by Vid. K.P. Pranav & team, **6.30 pm;** Prakarotsava & Mahamangalarati Ashtavadhana Seva, Sri Abhinava Shankaralaya premises, **9.30 pm.**

Impressionz: Exhibition by Vaishnavi Silks and Fuschia by Ritu Mehrotra (an exclusive handcrafted jewellery brand), Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 9 pm.**

The Cosmology Education & Research Training Centre (COSMOS) - Mysuru of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics and University of Mysore (UoM): Asteroid Day - 2025, lecture, interaction session and experiments, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am to 1 pm.**

District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department: Sri Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt graces the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, lecture by Dr. S.P. Yoganna of Suyog Hospital, Kalamandira, **11.30 am.**

Sri Chandramouleshwara Swamy Devasthanam Charitable Trust, V.V. Mohalla: 83rd Jayanthyuthsava-2025, Navagraha Mrutyunjaya Homa, Sri Kalabairava Homa, Temple premises, **Morning.**

Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust: Launching of the book 'The Path,' authored by Sqn. Ldr. Paridhei Singh (Retd.), Pratham Mysore Founder-Trustee Ashvini Ranjan releases the book, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Raaga Lathangi Trust and Raaga Musical Band, Gokulam: 'Mugila Maarige Raagarathiya,' a Sugama Sangeetha programme led by Trust Founder Latha Manjunath, Chamundeshwari Gelayara Balaga, 13th cross, 1st main road, B.M. Sri Nagar, Metagalli, **7 pm.**

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